**ABSOLUTE RATING: Good** 

**IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average** 

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 91.

The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

## **RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD**

Absolute Rating Good

Improvement Rating

2001 2002

2003 2004 Below Average

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

Our School

## PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS







**Mathematics** 

English/ Language Arts

**Mathematics** 

English/ Language Arts









Schools With Students Like Ours

**Below Basic** 

## **DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:**

- Advanced Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** Student performance met expectations.
- Basic Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
	English/			Social
Student Group	Language Arts	Math	Science	Studies
All students (n=190)	83.7	74.2	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than				
Speech (n=13)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=177)	86.4	77.4		
Gender				
Male (n=88)	80.7	73.9		
Female (n=102)	86.3	74.5		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=70)	67.1	58.6		
Hispanic (n=3)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=108)	92.6	83.3		
Other (n=9)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=65)	72.3	58.5		
Pay for lunch (n=125)	89.6	82.4		

# **SCHOOL PROFILE** INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

		Change From	Schools with Students	Median Elementary
	Our School	Last Year	like ours	School
SCHOOL				
<ul> <li>Dollars spent per student</li> </ul>	\$5,479	N/A	\$5,171	\$5,347
<ul> <li>Prime instructional time</li> </ul>	93.1%	Up from 92.1%	90.7%	90.2%
<ul> <li>Student-teacher ratio in core subjects</li> </ul>	19.9 to 1	N/A	19.1 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=451)				
Attendance Rate	97.2%	No change	96.3%	96.2%
<ul> <li>Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level</li> </ul>	6.3%	N/A	3.5%	4.1%
<ul> <li>Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level</li> </ul>	3.7%	N/A	2.2%	3.1%
<ul> <li>First graders who attended full day kindergarten</li> </ul>	92.2%	Down from 100%	6 96.1%	96.3%
<ul> <li>Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Retention rate	2.9%	Up from 1.3%	2.9%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=31)				
<ul> <li>Professional Development days per teacher</li> </ul>	8.1 Days	Up from 6.8	7.7 Days	7.6 days
Attendance Rate	96.4%	Up from 95.9%	95.5%	95.1%
<ul> <li>Teachers with advanced degrees</li> </ul>	67.7%	No change	48.5%	47.7%
<ul> <li>Continuing contract teachers</li> </ul>	93.5%	Up from 83.9%	84.2%	83.8%
<ul> <li>Teachers with out-of-field permits</li> </ul>	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
<ul> <li>Teachers returning from the previous school year</li> </ul>	78.4%	Down from 84.3	% 88%	87.2%
Average teacher salary	\$42,599	Up 6.7%	\$38,047	\$37,520

### **SCHOOL FACTS**

		Change From	Schools with Students	Median Elementary
C	ur School	Last Year	like ours	School
SCHOOL				
<ul> <li>Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries</li> </ul>	68.1%	N/A	64.7%	65.3%
<ul> <li>Principal's years at the school</li> </ul>	5	N/A	4	4.0
<ul> <li>Parents attending conferences</li> </ul>	100%	N/A	97.6%	95.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
On academic plans	26.9%	Up from 25.2%	39.8%	43.1%
<ul> <li>On academic probation</li> </ul>	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
<ul> <li>Older than usual for grade</li> </ul>	1.8%	Up from 1.7%	0.9%	1.1%
<ul> <li>Suspended or expelled</li> </ul>	0	N/A	0	1
Gifted and talented	22.8%	Down from 23%	15.4%	11.5%
With disabilities other than speech	13.7%	Up from 5.6%	8.6%	8.4%

# PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Our motto at Woodland Heights Elementary School, "Always for Children," provides the basis for all of our child-centered initiatives to provide high standards of academic excellence in a caring, nurturing environment. Woodland Heights Elementary School experienced a successful year by being named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and a Colin Powell's Flagship School of Promise.

The mission of Woodland Heights Elementary School in an active partnership with the community is to provide each student with the highest quality education, which is conducive to social, physical, and intellectual growth, by providing meaningful educational experiences, a challenging curriculum, and a safe environment. Our curriculum and instructional programs benefit from an emphasis on active student learning, strong teacher leadership, active parental support, and community support and involvement.

Students continue to have an active voice in decisions through our K-5 Student Council. Meaningful suggestions from our youngest stakeholders have provided improvements to our school through service project opportunities and student activities. Through our school-wide Wee C.A.R.E. Program, four service learning opportunities afforded students the chance to give back to the community and the world through the Spartanburg Animal Shelter, T.O.T.A.L. Ministries, Pennies for Patients, and the Wildlife Federation.

Grant initiatives continue to provide additional resources to our school. One \$6,000 EIA grant, one \$2,000 EIA grant, four \$400 Junior League grants, and one \$500 grant for special education provided a myriad of opportunities for students and teachers.

Our Parent Teacher Organization and School Improvement Council provided many contributions of time and resources to our students and teachers. Over 4,500 hours were given to our school through our valuable Volunteer Program. Over 100 active Business Partners provide additional resources to support the many programs and services of our school.

Woodland Heights Elementary School has a 38-year tradition of excellence in the community. It is our mission to continue to improve our total program by reaching one child at a time.



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**Grades** K-5 Elementary School

**Enrollment:** 451 Students

**Principal** 

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<b>Annual School</b>		2001
Report Card		2001

School Grade: Good

### **EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**

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Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	98.6	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	97.2	
Satisfied with home-school relations	96.9	97.2	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

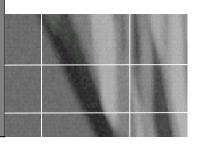
Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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## South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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